# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1257
ANSWERED ON:02.03.2001
ACCESS TO PDS
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

(a) the total number of persons presently registered and drawing food items under the Public Distribution System, State-wise;

(b) whether a large number of persons living below the poverty line are deprived of access to the PDS; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps proposed to extend the same to them?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION ( SHRI CHAUHAN )

(a) A Statement indicating statewise number of households possessing ration cards (APL and BPL)as per reports received from State Governments/ UT Administrations is given in Annexure.

(b) & (c) : Keeping in view the large number of BPL familiesin the country, the possibility of omission of some of the deserving families from the list of BPL beneficiaries and issue of BPL cards to them cannot be ruled out.

Identification of beneficiaries namely the population living below poverty line (BPL) is one of the most important features of TPDS which is carried out by States/UTs. Under theguidelines for implementation of TPDSthe States/UTs have been asked to include the really poor and vulnerable sections of the society under the BPL category and actively involve the Gram Sabhas and Gram Panchayats in the identification process. The State Governments/UTs have beenasked to review the list of BPL families on regular intervals so that the poor and needy are not deprived of the benefits under the TPDS.

ANNEXURE
ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1257 FOR ANSWER IN THE LOK SABHA ON 02-03-2001.

STATEMENT INDICATING STATEWISE NO. OF HOUSEHOLDS, NO. OF BPL HOUSEHOLDS, AND NO. OF RATION CARDS.

(As on 20.2.2001)

| STATE/UT | Projected as per population group 2000 (in lakhs) | %BPL House-hold expert 2000 (in lakhs) | No. of BPL Households 2000 (in lakhs) | No. of Ration Cards | BPL Ration Cards | Reported as on |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Andhra Pradesh | 754.66 | 25.68 | 158.21 | 40.63 | 113.60 | 53.97 | 167.57 | Nov.2000 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 11.92 | 40.86 | 2.42 | 0.99 | 0.82 | 2.75 | 3.57 | Sept.2000 |
| Assam | 261.96 | 40.86 | 44.93 | 18.36 | 18.82 | 25.72 | 44.54 | Nov. 2000 |
| Bihar | 999.42 | 54.96 | 162.24 | 89.17 | 84.26 | 88.74 | 173.00 | Nov-97 |
| Goa | 15.95 | 14.92 | 3.20 | 0.48 | 0.08 | 3.05 | 3.13 | Dec.2000 |
| Gujarat | 482.52 | 24.21 | 87.57 | 21.20 | 33.89 | 72.38 | 106.27 | Nov.2000 |
| Haryana | 198.31 | 25.05 | 31.48 | 7.89 | 5.83 | 38.18 | 44.01 | Dec. 2000 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 67.11 | 40.86 | 12.57 | 5.14 | 2.86 | 9.39 | 12.25 | Aug.2000 |
| Jammu & Kashmir | 99.45 | 40.86 | 18.02 | 7.36 | 3.36 | 10.12 | 13.48 | Sep-97 |
| Karnataka | 520.91 | 33.16 | 94.37 | 31.29 | 62.83 | 49.16 | 111.99 | Nov.2000 |
| Kerala | 322.62 | 25.43 | 61.10 | 15.54 | 20.47 | 42.54 | 63.01 | Dec.2000 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 797.47 | 42.52 | 141.15 | 60.01 | 43.65 | 134.18 | 177.83 | Mar-00 |
| Maharashtra | 911.15 | 36.86 | 177.27 | 65.34 | 58.11 | 136.27 | 194.38 | Apr. 2000 |
| Manipur | 25.18 | 40.86 | 4.07 | 1.66 | 0.67 | 1.13 | 1.80 | Jun-97 |
| Meghalaya | 24.34 | 40.86 | 4.49 | 1.83 | 0.97 | 0.98 | 1.95 | Mar-97 |
| Mizoram | 9.52 | 40.86 | 1.67 | 0.68 | N.A. | 1.66 | 1.66 | Apr-00 |
| Nagaland | 16.84 | 40.86 | 3.02 | 1.24 | 0.96 | 1.05 | 2.01 | Mar-99 |
| Orissa | 358.57 | 48.56 | 67.91 | 32.98 | 41.23 | 39.85 | 81.08 | Dec-99 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Punjab | 235.36 | 11.77 | 39.76 | 4.68 | 5.00 | 50.00 | 55.00 | Dec.2000 |
| Rajasthan | 535.59 | 27.41 | 88.67 | 24.31 | 22.87 | 81.36 | 104.23 | Jun-00 |
| Sikkim | 5.59 | 41.43 | 1.05 | 0.43 | N.A. | N.A. | 0.66 | Oct-97 |
| Tamilnadu | 617.74 | 35.03 | 138.82 | 48.63 | 65.51 | 92.24 | 157.75 | Dec.2000 |
| Tripura | 37.82 | 40.86 | 7.22 | 2.95 | 2.31 | 4.55 | 6.86 | Aug.2000 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 1701.88 | 40.85 | 273.61 | 111.77 | 95.48 | 159.96 | 255.44 | JULY 98 |
| West Bengal | 790.06 | 35.66 | 145.23 | 51.79 | 46.49 | 110.14 | 156.63 | Aug.2000 |
| A&N Islands | 3.86 | 34.47 | 0.81 | 0.28 | 0.12 | 0.74 | 0.86 | Sept.2000 |
| Chandigarh | 8.88 | 11.35 | 2.03 | 0.23 | 0.00 | 2.12 | 2.12 | Apr-00 |
| D&N Haveli | 1.90 | 50.84 | 0.36 | 0.18 | 0.16 | 0.16 | 0.32 | Dec.2000 |
| Daman & Diu | 1.40 | 15.80 | 0.26 | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.28 | 0.30 | May-00 |
| Delhi | 139.64 | 14.69 | 27.82 | 4.09 | N.A | 36.55 | 36.55 | Oct.2000 |
| Lakshdweep | 0.71 | 25.04 | 0.11 | 0.03 | N.A. | 0.13 | 0.13 | Nov.2000 |
| Pondicherry | 11.11 | 37.40 | 2.24 | 0.84 | 0.90 | 1.66 | 2.56 | Dec.2000 |
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